

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council
August 17, 2006

PRESENT:

Chair:	Don Button
Vice Chair:	Jay Taylor
Secretary:	Chris Standard - absent
Members:	Dean Bush, Mark Rine, John Handy, John Crosby, Allen Shelton, Greg Standard, Vaughn Lorensen, Kathy McGaughey, Matt Mercer, John Ralston, Karen Luckett, Steve Phillips, David Redger, Stephan Mangan, Carolyn Henry, Natalie Davis
Vistors:	Bruce Mellor, & John Nachtman with the KBI, Randy Cardenell KBEMS

Chairman Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Approval of minutes: Council member Dave Redger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2006 meeting, seconded by council member John Ralston. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- 1. Introduction of Fiscal Agent:** Chairman Don Button introduced Natalie Davis who will represent the Fiscal Agent, The City of Ulysses. Button passed around the contract between the council and the Fiscal Agent. Vaughn Lorensen made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Jay Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Committee Reports and work plan projects:** Council Member Kathy McGaughey presented her groups plan on Interoperable Communications. The group concluded that communications was the most important thing needed. There are some counties that need a few radios in vehicles/trucks, and all of the trailers need something as far as communications.

3. **Exercise and Training:** Council Member Greg Standard handed out the minutes from his committee's exercise and training group. The committee thought that structural collapse training might be a good project for the region. The same techniques would generally apply to grain bin entrapments, and trench rescue. The following projects were also identified:
- A. ICS training with exercises aimed at BOCC and administrative staff
 - B. Shelter in place and 72 hour kits: brochures, demonstrations at fairs etc.
 - C. Training and awareness exercises for each county LEPC
 - D. Scholarships for volunteers to attend training
 - E. FEMA & Red Cross brochures
 - F. Devise system to inform all of upcoming training, improve on KSTRAIN
 - G. Long term exercise program start in 2007
4. **Deployable Response Resources:** Council member Mark Rine said the committee talked about Regional Incident Management Teams, setting up command post and operating out of there.
5. **Animal Response:** Council Member Dean Bush had a proposal for portable cattle panels to quarantine cattle when a semi-truck wrecks. The council decided it was a good idea to have three sets of the portable panels to spread out around the region. Each set of panels cost 25,000 and would hold 80-100 cows. Council still discussing the locations to keep the panels and if there are trucks large enough to deploy them.
6. **Council broke into Committee Workgroups:**

Chairman Don Button brought the council back into regular session and they discussed the amounts of money and which categories to apply it to for the work plans that have to be submitted to the state by August 31st.

1. Interoperable Communications	\$249,001	LETPP
2. Exercise and Training	\$175,000	SHSP
3. Deployable Response Resources	\$110,000	SHSP 102,555/LETPP 7,445
4. Prevention, Mitigation, Response & Recovery for Animal Emergencies	\$75,000	SHSP

Council member Jay Taylor made a motion to approve the budget and work plans, seconded by council member Dean Bush. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports

Kansas Homeland Security Liason Matt Mercer reported that the state has hired 3 people to go around and do a communications survey. They will be visiting with dispatch centers and checking what equipment they have and who they are able to

communicate with. Mercer said they should be in the area during the next council meeting and would like for them to be on the agenda so they can better explain what they are doing.

Greg Standard reported that on Wednesday August 23rd at 10a.m. there was going to be a Foreign Animal Disease training exercise in Seward County if anyone would like to attend.

Next meeting will be September 6th, possibly at a different location. Chairman Don Button will email and let the council know for sure where.

Council Member Jay Taylor moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Dean Bush. Motion carried unanimously.